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Cheap At Any Price

Board Approves Making A&M Coed

Studies Now Put In Proper Place; Academics Out

In line with growing pressure from the ex-Aggies' association, a long-needed step toward the building of a greater A&M has become a reality.

The academic side of life at A&M finally is to be de-emphasized.

In what became the longest filibuster in A&M star chamber history, Bear (Paul) Bruin, athletic director, successfully pleaded the hard life that his proteges had to lead, what with having to go to bee keeping, basket weaving, square dancing and elementary ping pong classes.

Bruin said, "My boys don't like it."

Following Bruin's three-day speech, the board woke from their hibernation to defend the mighty academic empire for which the school has been known so long.

"It's an old tradition that students take courses when they come to A&M," said David H. Mambo, college president.

Bruin shrugged this off saying, "It just don't leave them time to practice. And besides, they might learn to read and find out they didn't win every game last year."

After all opposition had collapsed, Bruin outlined his plan for his boys, whom he modestly calls "National Champs of 1955."

Cadet Corps Changes Style; Color Used

University of Texas students will no longer have anything over the Aggies in the way of dress, Comrade Cuning, senior class president, said last night.

The senior class voted to substitute red, white, and chartreuse candy-striped pegged trousers for the usual pinks, greens and olive drab slacks now being worn by the corps of cadets.

Uniform regulations and class privileges are not yet complete, but stipulations made so far include golf caps for upperclassmen only; freshmen may not wear suspenders of a louder hue than heliatripe; no pegged trousers for freshmen, and satin-lined trousers for juniors and seniors. Anyone may wear white buck shoes if tied with plaid strings.

After much arguing among senior corps members about uniform privileges and a few broken chairs, they got their powerful political machine back on the way to revamping the entire A&M system, and voted "no speaking to non-reg." They later amended this vote to "no speaking."

The meeting was concluded with a pledge to be good and stay off the new grass.

No Short Courses For Better Living

There are no short courses being held this week in the Memorial Student Center and the place is like a vast tomb.

Fort Wayne Starred, director of the MSC, is in a coma—he had sent invitations all over the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and South Georgia to various organizations, such as the Bee Keepers society, Mud Puddle Builders, Pogo Enthusiasts, and Grasshopper Watchers and Observers of Georgia. But nobody came.

"It's an eerie feeling," said Starred, "to walk in the fountain room and see nothing but students."

"First, we abolish all classes, then professors and hence all students. With no students and no exes, I can stay here indefinitely."

Then Bruin delivered his ultimate goal in the realigning of the ideals for A&M.

"With the money we used to spend for scholastic scholarships and professors' salaries, we can award more athletic scholarships and build four new gyms to relieve the present overcrowded situation," he said.

Old Buildings Are Replaced With Shacks

A&M will receive twelve new shacks to replace the Petroleum Engineering building and the Veterinary Hospital, it was announced here today.

The shacks will be equipped with the most modern type of water wells available.

"This will give us the extra room we have needed for so long," said J. B. Killdey, assistant manager of publications for college utilities and the physical plants.

Modern benches, hollowed from New York pine trees, will line each of the buildings. Floors will be made of the new type non-skid cement, and the walls and outside will be solid oak. Modern rest rooms are located outside each building.

More of the shacks are expected to arrive any day to care for the over-flowing student enrollment. The Memorial Student Center and the Biological Sciences building are the next two buildings to be replaced.

"We want to do everything for the comfort of Aggies," said Chancellor P. T. Herringbone. "The students seemed to like Splinter Village so well that we decided to turn the whole campus into one big splinter," he added.

'Joint' Meeting

The Collegiate Cutthroats Tiddewink association and the Amalgamated Alliance of Used Prodigies will have a joint meeting tonight to discuss the latest underhanded move of the administration. Members are asked to bring their own crosses and oiled-soaked rags. Matches will be furnished.

Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Platoon:

Dear Sirs: I don't see why everybody is all days complaining about their school. I like my school. I have a good time, and am really enjoying my college life. Why can't everybody be happy like this?

Algernon Farnsworth
Littlefield Hall
University of Texas

Editors, The Platoon:

Why don't you jerks give up trying to write a newspaper? Take your lousy sheet and quit messing up our campus! I could put out a better newspaper than you guys without even half trying, and do the Ags a little good at the same time! Put that in your garbage wrapper and smoke it!

J. Gutenberg

Editors, The Platoon:

I like Platoon editorials. They show rare sense of judgment and a keen insight into the workings



SIT DOWN STRIKE—It seems that the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross is on an involuntary strike against coeds. Enraged students last night took the statue from its pedestal in front of the Academic building and placed it on the steps of Guion hall.

Today To Be Aggies' Day For the Sack

Today, April 1, has been announced as Sack Day, a college-wide holiday.

All students will remain in bed all day, without bothering to even look out.

College officials are enthusiastic about the idea:

"I'm going to stay in bed too," said Walt Airplane, dean of artistic sciences, voicing a common thought of the faculty and administration.

The idea is said to have originated with the corps' tactical officers, who are continually having to wake up Aggies.

Senate Discusses Revielle Feeding

The Student Senate met again last night, and after a three-hour discussion on who would feed Revielle during the Easter holidays, decided to refer the matter to a committee.

The senate then proceeded to make a clean sweep of the night's agenda by referring everything to a committee.

First item was the senate's proposal to ask the college to serve beer in all classrooms. This proposal, which will be sent to all student hometown clubs for support, was referred to the Asking the Impossible committee.

The We've Got Too Many Professors committee, which has been making arrangements for a method of systematically disposing of old and worn out professors, reported and was properly cheered.

The Sidewalk committee reported on its proposed request for a sidewalk from the fourth floor of the academic building to the MSC terrace. This proposal will be taken up with the proper county officials.

In other action, the senate voted to move the site of the bonfire to Dallas, to award money instead of keys to its members, and to adjourn the meeting.

Council Adopts Civilian Month

The Civilian Student Council voted last night to make the month of April "Civilian Month."

During this time, civilian students will not be required to go to classes, but instead they will spend their time building a bonfire. The fire will be burned at 7:30 p.m., April 31.

Special contests for the civilian students were also planned. There will be a weekly beard shaving contest for the students who would like to cut off their beards. Prizes will be given for the best shave, and the shave with the most cuts.

In other action, the council referred to a committee a motion recommending a committee be set up to find out what has happened to other committees that have been appointed this year.

A slight disturbance was caused

when Jesse Chevrolet, corps commander, spoke to the group. The council disagreed with his comments and in the brawl that followed, he was ejected from the meeting, with an axe.

The meeting then adjourned so the councilmen could rest up for Civilian month.

Senior Graduates Get Commissions

All of A&M's graduating seniors have been assured commissions, according to Col. Joey Debit, commandant.

After a special announcement from the armed services the military department here said they felt A&M was included in the schools. Debit said the bulletin said, "all graduates of military schools will be commissioned."

However, this posed another problem, Debit said.

"Since the announcement says 'all graduates', this means we will have to commission everyone. This includes civilian students," Debit explained.

He also said the military department would not know definitely exactly how many commissions would be given until graduation day.

"If there is a commission with your degree, then you will know you are a second lieutenant," he said.

Two Girls Enroll During First Day

Texas A&M is now a coeducational school.

In a special session held on the oceanography ship in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday, the A&M System board of directors approved opening the doors of A&M to girls. Immediately after the meeting, the board sailed for an indefinite stay in the Panama Canal Zone.

As soon as the news of the board's action reached the school, two young women from nearby Snook enrolled. They are Miss Belle Bellemey and Miss Lulu Filnichel.

The board voted to make military optional for the coeds, and the two enrollees yesterday chose to take the uniform.

Col. Joey Debit, commandant, said the board's action would mean no changes in the current military policy, and he expected to see added spirit in the corps of cadets.

President Dave H. Mambo was both surprised and enthused when he heard about the board's action. He said he felt the move would definitely strengthen A&M by bringing color and social activity into the everyday life of the Aggies.

W. T. Dough, chairman of the board, was contacted late last night by ship-to-shore phone and gave his comments on the board's decision.

"I don't think the action was in any way rash," he said, "because A&M needs coeds to help build its athletic empire. A&M is a poor boys school, but we felt it should also be a poor girl's school," he said.

Students Revolt

When informed of the action, the corps held a mass meeting at the Grove last night. After glowing speeches by all the wheels, a vote was taken and the students decided to show their disgust by moving Sully's statue over to Guion hall.

They then went to the board of directors' home, but the men had already left. As a showing of their resentment, the students, led by the corps officers, burned the house down and threw the ashes into the Brazos river.

Housing officials were working out the problem of providing housing for the coeds, and decided to set up temporary quarters for them in the third floor of the air-conditioned library.

Head Football Coach Bear (Paul) Bruin said, "We'll wait and see how things turn out. Maybe we'll win some games next year. Even if there's women down here, we'll still need men with hard noses."

The New York Central Railroad reported that a trainload of howling, screaming girls was headed for the college and were expected to arrive here tomorrow.



SMILES—A&M's first two coeds, above, smile brightly as they try on their new uniforms. The girls, who have wonderful personalities and just love Aggies, elected to be in the corps of cadets.

'No Dean' System Approved Here

The Agriculture council has presented the college with a new honor system which would do away with the position of dean of agriculture.

The honor code would allow Aggies to put themselves on probation and to "boot" themselves out if that probation was not met.

"It didn't sound logical at first, but, after-all, agriculture Aggies can be trusted. Besides, if that's the way students want it, that's the way we want it. Anything for our students is our motto," said Charlie Shepherder, present dean of agriculture.

Shepherder has left the college.



ELECTION TIME—Happy fun-loving Aggies, participating in the usual dignified, no-publicity student elections, square off for a discussion of the relative merits of the candidates. On the left is the air force debate team; on the right, the army debate team.

Wha' Hoppenin'

Here's what's going on at Aggeland for this gay and riotous weekend.

Event	Time	Place
Dog Fights	6:20 p.m.	Duncan Hall
Dance, of sorts	9 p.m.	Shiloh Hall
Beer Drinking	SATURDAY 8 p.m., on	Claypits
Bear-baiting	11:02 p.m.	Rodeo Arena